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Interviews: 814 adults
Dates: November 13,

48 Male
52 Female
[109]

FINAL

Study #6011a
NBC/WSJ Recount
November 2000

The margin of error for 814 interviews is $\pm 3.5\%$

Please note: all results are shown as percentages unless otherwise stated.

1a. Are you registered to vote at this address?

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|-------------------------|----|-----------------|-------|
| Registered | 89 | CONTINUE | [137] |
| Not registered..... | 11 | | |
| Not sure..... | - | | |

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY THEY ARE REGISTERED IN Q.1a.)

1b. Did you happen to vote in last Tuesday's election for president? **(IF "YES," ASK:)** For whom did you vote--Al Gore, the Democrat, George W. Bush, the Republican, Ralph Nader, the Green Party candidate, or Pat Buchanan, the Reform Party candidate?

| | <u>11/13/00</u> | | <u>11/8/00</u> | |
|--|-----------------|--------------------|----------------|-------|
| Voted--Al Gore..... | 47 | | 47 | [138] |
| Voted--George W. Bush..... | 46 | | 46 | |
| Voted--Ralph Nader..... | 3 | Skip to Q.2 | 2 | |
| Voted--Pat Buchanan..... | - | | - | |
| Voted--other (VOL)..... | 1 | | 1 | |
| Did NOT vote ¹ | NA | CONTINUE | NA | |
| Not sure..... | 3 | SKIP TO Q.2 | 4 | |

¹ Results shown reflect responses among those who do NOT say they did not vote.

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY THEY ARE NOT REGISTERED IN Q.1a OR SAY THEY DID NOT VOTE IN Q.1b.)

1c. If you had voted, who would you have voted for--Al Gore, the Democrat, George W. Bush, the Republican, Ralph Nader, the Green Party candidate, or Pat Buchanan, the Reform Party candidate?

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|---------------------|----|-------|
| Al Gore..... | 48 | [139] |
| George W. Bush..... | 39 | |
| Ralph Nader..... | 4 | |
| Pat Buchanan..... | 1 | |
| Other (VOL)..... | 3 | |
| Not sure..... | 5 | |

2. How closely have you been following the situation in Florida involving the vote count in the presidential election--very closely, fairly closely, just somewhat closely, or not closely at all?

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|----------------------------|----|--------------|
| Very closely..... | 55 | [140] |
| Fairly closely..... | 28 | |
| Just somewhat closely..... | 13 | |
| Not closely at all..... | 4 | |
| Not sure..... | - | |

- 3a. Who do you think should be declared the winner of the presidential election in Florida--do you think George W. Bush should be declared the winner, do you think Al Gore should be declared the winner, or do you think it is too soon to say?

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|----------------------------|----|--------------|
| George W. Bush..... | 36 | [141] |
| Al Gore..... | 19 | |
| It is too soon to say..... | 39 | |
| Not sure..... | 6 | |

- 3b. Who do you think will be the next president of the United States--George W. Bush or Al Gore?

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|---------------------|----|--------------|
| George W. Bush..... | 47 | [142] |
| Al Gore..... | 24 | |
| Depends (VOL)..... | 10 | |
| Not sure..... | 19 | |

4. In general, do you feel that there has been a fair and honest national vote count in the presidential election, or do you worry that the vote count has been unfair?

| | <u>11/13/0</u> | <u>11/8/00</u> | |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|
| | <u>0</u> | | |
| Fair and honest vote count..... | 43 | 48 | [143] |
| Worry the count has been unfair..... | 49 | 44 | |
| Not sure..... | 8 | 8 | |

5. Which of the following best describes your point of view: **(A)** The situation we are in is a constitutional crisis, **(B)** The situation we are in is not a constitutional crisis yet, but it is likely to turn into one, OR **(C)** the situation we are in will be resolved before it turns into a constitutional crisis?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

| | | |
|--|----|--------------|
| The situation will be resolved before it turns into a constitutional crisis..... | 56 | |
| The current situation is likely to turn into a constitutional crisis..... | 32 | |
| The situation we are in is a constitutional crisis..... | 8 | [144] |
| Not sure..... | 4 | |

6. Do you approve or disapprove of the way **(READ ITEM)** (has/have) been handling the situation with the vote count in the presidential election?

| | <u>Approve</u> | <u>Disapprove</u> | Mixed Feelings (VOL) | Not Sure | |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|----------------------------|-------------|-------|
| Al Gore and his campaign..... | 47 | 38 | 10 | 5 | [145] |
| George W. Bush and his campaign..... | 47 | 36 | 12 | 5 | [146] |
| The media..... | 41 | 41 | 15 | 3 | [147] |

7. I'm going to read you a number of things that the Gore and Bush campaigns talked about as part of the vote-counting process. For each one, please tell me whether you think that it is an acceptable action to take or whether you think that the action is unacceptable.

| | <u>Action Is Acceptable</u> | <u>Action Is Unacceptable</u> | Not Sure | |
|---|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------|-------|
| The Bush campaign indicated that it may seek a recount of the presidential votes in states where Al Gore won narrowly, such as in Iowa and Wisconsin..... | 56 | 39 | 5 | [148] |
| The Bush campaign asked for a court ruling to prevent the use of a hand count in four Florida counties..... | 41 | 55 | 4 | [149] |
| The Gore campaign supported groups desiring a total revote in Palm Beach County, Florida..... | 45 | 51 | 4 | [150] |
| The Gore campaign asked for a hand recount in four Florida counties..... | 58 | 40 | 2 | [151] |

8. Here are several options that might happen to determine which candidate would win the Florida electoral votes. As I read each item, please tell me whether it would or would not be an acceptable option to you.

| | <u>Acceptable Option</u> | Not An <u>Acceptable Option</u> | Not Sure | |
|--|------------------------------|--|-------------|-------|
| Accept the results from the machine recount and the overseas absentee ballots..... | 71 | 26 | 3 | [152] |
| Do a hand recount in each of the four counties now disputed by the Democrats..... | 50 | 47 | 3 | [153] |
| Do a hand recount in all Florida counties..... | 43 | 54 | 3 | [154] |
| Have a new election, and revote only in Palm Beach County..... | 25 | 72 | 3 | [155] |
| Have a new election, and revote in the entire State of Florida..... | 34 | 64 | 2 | [156] |

9. Which of the following options do you think would be a better approach to take in Florida: **(A)** It would be better to stop the recount and court cases, and declare a winner now, OR **(B)** It would be better to recount the ballots even if it will take several weeks to declare a winner?

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| (A) Stop the recount and court cases/declare winner now.... | 41 | [157] |
| (B) Recount the ballots..... | 55 | |
| Not sure..... | 4 | |

10. How would you feel if **(READ NAME)** were declared the winner of the presidential election--would you say that you feel comfortable with him and prepared to support him as our new president, or not?

| | Comfortable And Prepared To Support | Not Comfortable And Prepared To Support | Not Sure | |
|---------------------|---|--|-------------|--------------|
| Al Gore..... | 66 | 31 | 3 | [158] |
| George W. Bush..... | 69 | 28 | 3 | [159] |

FACTUALS: Now I am going to ask you a few questions for statistical purposes only.

- F1. How old are you? **(IF "REFUSED," ASK:)** Well, would you tell me which age group you belong to?

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| 18-24..... | 10 | [160-161] |
| 25-29..... | 8 | |
| 30-34..... | 10 | |
| 35-39..... | 10 | |
| 40-44..... | 12 | |
| 45-49..... | 11 | |
| 50-54..... | 8 | |
| 55-59..... | 7 | |
| 60-64..... | 7 | |
| 65-69..... | 5 | |
| 70-74..... | 4 | |
| 75 and over..... | 7 | |
| Refused..... | 1 | |

- F2. What is the last grade that you completed in school?

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| Grade school..... | 1 | [162-163] |
| Some high school..... | 7 | |
| High school graduate..... | 30 | |
| Some college, no degree..... | 18 | |
| Vocational training/2-year college..... | 10 | |
| 4-year college/bachelor's degree..... | 21 | |
| Some postgraduate work, no degree..... | 3 | |
| 2-3 years postgraduate work/master's degree..... | 7 | |
| Doctoral/law degree..... | 2 | |
| Not sure/refused..... | 1 | |

- F3. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican, an independent, or something else? **(IF "DEMOCRAT" OR "REPUBLICAN," ASK:)** Would you call yourself a strong (Democrat/Republican) or not a very strong (Democrat/Republican **(IF "INDEPENDENT," ASK:)** Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican Party, closer to the Democratic Party, or do you think of yourself as strictly independent?

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|----------------------------------|----|--------------|
| Strong Democrat..... | 26 | [164] |
| Not very strong Democrat..... | 9 | |
| Independent/lean Democrat..... | 7 | |
| Strictly independent..... | 17 | |
| Independent/lean Republican..... | 8 | |
| Not very strong Republican..... | 7 | |
| Strong Republican..... | 18 | |
| Other..... | 5 | |
| Not sure/nothing..... | 3 | |

- F4. Are you from a Hispanic or Spanish-speaking background? **(IF "NO," ASK:)** What is your race--white, black, Asian, or something else?

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|-----------------------|----|-------|
| Hispanic..... | 8 | [165] |
| White..... | 79 | |
| Black..... | 9 | |
| Asian..... | 1 | |
| Other..... | 2 | |
| Not sure/refused..... | 1 | |